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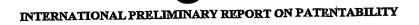
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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	. 1-41	YES NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-41	YES NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	1-41	YES NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4145213 A D2: US 6124040 A

D3: JP 59133352 A (abstract)

D4: JP 7173568 A (abstract)

The cited documents represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-41 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed composite metal product and method for manufacturing this product. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-41 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.